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Prague, March 21, 2002

**Re : Comments to Draft Final Audit Report ( FSIS on-site audit July 23 through August 2, 2001 ).**

Dear Mrs Stratmoen.

This is in reference to your letter and the above Draft Final report enclosed therein. As you invite us to provide written comments to this, please be informed as follows .

State Veterinary Administration of the Czech Republic after the due consideration given to the Report and due negotiations held with relevant management staff and district veterinary offices in charge of supervision of the audited plants has already set the deadlines for rectification of deficiencies described in your letter.

As per the rectifying actions and the deadlines already set :

- Problem regarding a random selection of carcasses for generic *Escherichia coli* ( *E. coli* ) and *Salmonella* testing programs will be solved with the managements of both plants ( CZ 12 and CZ 15 ) through a purchase of computerized programme.  
Deadline : 31.5.2002.
- Sponging method of sampling for generic *E. coli* ( statistical process control ) in establishment CZ 15 is being already performed. As per the unified system in both plants  
Deadline : 30.4.2002.
- System of the insect and rodent controls and the evaluation of this system will be changed. In the framework of re-construction works in the plant CZ 12 the more strict separation of barns and slaughter premises will be implemented.  
Deadline : 30.4.2002
- Heavy condensation over exposed and unexposed product in establishment CZ 12 – Rectified regimes of cooling and product flow – rectified immediately.

- Full implementation of HACCP in establishments CZ 12 and CZ 15 regarding pre-shipments reviews.  
Deadline : 31.3.2002.

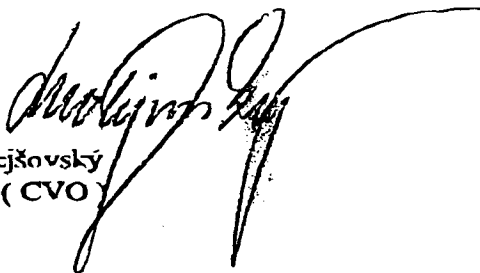
Remaining deficiencies found during the audit and described in the Final Draft have already been rectified just during and immediately after the inspection.

It is our firm belief that the above described rectifications and the deadlines already set will contribute to an achievement of full compliance with U.S. legislative requirements in both approved Czech establishments.

In case of any additional query please do not hesitate to contact our Administration.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Josef Holcěšovský', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

MVDr Josef Holcěšovský  
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